

Coming Soon!

To a Storm Drain Near You!



Look for Sherlock Shad in your neighborhood!

New storm drain markers feature the shad, which is a local fish, to remind us that anything we put in a storm drain goes directly into our streams. Four Mile Run and all of our streams drain to the Potomac River. The Potomac River is an important drinking water supply and drains to the Chesapeake Bay.

Keep our streams clean and safe for our children, pets, and for fish like Sherlock and other wildlife!



Only Rain in the Drain!

Motor Oil and Antifreeze damage or kill plants, fish, birds and other wildlife and their habitat. Pets like the taste of antifreeze and will die if they drink it! A single quart of oil can contaminate up to two million gallons of drinking water. Put oil and antifreeze in sturdy containers. Call the number on the reverse for disposal directions.

Dog Waste adds harmful bacteria and nutrients to streams. Always pick up after your dog. Put dog waste in the trash or flush it down the toilet.

Paint harms people, animals and plants when poured down a storm drain. For proper disposal in your area, call the number below.

Yard Waste adds pollution to streams and clogs storm drains, which causes flooding. Compost your yard waste or bag it for municipal collection.

Plastics and Litter can entangle animals and kill them. Litter detracts from the natural beauty of our streams. Recycle or put litter in the trash.

Call 911 or your fire department if you see oil spills or other liquid spills in a waterway. If possible, take a picture of the problem.

Don't dump anything down a storm drain, not even pet waste! Keep our streams safe for fishing and swimming. Please report polluters.

For help in properly disposing of oil, antifreeze, paint, or other hazardous materials call :

Alexandria City	703-751-5872
Arlington	703-228-6832
Fairfax	703-324-5068
Falls Church City	703-248-5176

***Other questions or concerns?
Please contact your local staff:***

Alexandria City	703-838-4334
Arlington	703-228-3610
Fairfax	703-324-1460
Falls Church City	703-248-5176

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